First Ten Blessed Days of Dhul Hijjah

First Ten Blessed Days of Dhul Hijjah

Al Noor Publications
Lahore

Book Name: Concept of Qurbani/ Sacrifice

Compiled & Written by: Sofia Sultan

all images from world wide web

First Printing: September 2016

Al-Noor International

Institute of Islamic Education & Research

FAISALABAD: 121-A Faisal Town, West Canal Road, Faisalabad.

Tel: 0336-4033050, 041-8759191-92

KARACHI: Ground Floor, Karachi Beach Residency, Near Bilawal House,

Clifton Black 2, Karachi. Tel: 0336-4033034, 021-35292341-42

E-mail: sales@alnoorpk.com

Website: www.alnoorpk.com

Facebook: Children of Heaven Alnoor International

Phone: 0336-4033045

Al Noor Publications
Lahore

First
Ten Blessed Days of Dhul Hijjah

If someone asks you what your favorite days of the year are, what would you say? Ordinarily kids might answer .... "The days my family goes to the picnic or the day we go to the beach." Some children might say "The days that I spend with my grandparents." Others might say "The end of the school year when we have an award ceremony and we get our certificates." Children who enjoy summer vacations away from school might say "We love our holidays!!"

All these are fun days and Alhamdulillah you are blessed that Allah Almighty gives you these happy days to look forward to. You enjoy your time these days and then they are over. Allah Subhana wa ta 'Aala's favorite days are such that He gives us extra additional special reward in these days.

Is it not exciting to know that you are being given extra-points-extra-blessings because of the importance of these days?!? Allah the most Merciful is always wanting us to gain blessings from Him!

Allah Subhana wa ta 'Aala blessed the ummah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) with so many opportunities to gain rewards and blessings every day of the year. When Allah Subhana wa ta 'Aala tells us that some days and nights are more valued than others we have to pay attention and get ready to make the best way to spend time during them.

As you children know, the last ten nights of Ramadan, are among the most blessed nights of the year; in specific Laylatul-Qadr (the night of power) is extremely sacred.

Likewise, the first ten days of Dhul-Hijja, which come in the 12th Islamic calendar month, carry special position during the blessed month of Pilgrimage/ Hajj.

So, the questions we should be asking ourselves are, "What deeds can I perform to attain Allah Subhana wa ta 'Aala pleasure?"

Surah 89 Ayat 1 and 2
Al-Fajr (The Break of Day or the Dawn)

1. By the dawn;
2. By the ten nights (i.e. the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijjah),

Allah Almighty has favored specific times over others,

specific months over others and specific days over other days. Why? So that we will be encouraged and inspired to be the best on those days. Alhamdulillah.

A beautiful hadith explains the importance of these days:

There are no days that are better in the sight of Allah and during which deeds are more beloved to Him than these ten days. (Bukhari)

1 – Zikr

The way of doing takbeer in these days is to say:

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, laa ilaaha ill-Allah, Allahu Akbar, wa Lillaah il-Hamd (Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, there is none worthy of worship but Allah; Allah is Most Great and to Allah be all Praise).

We should say these words out loud and softly in the mosques, homes, streets so to proclaim the greatness of Allah.

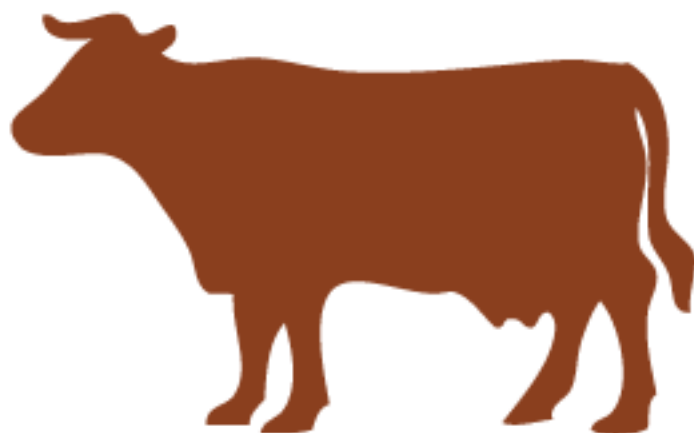
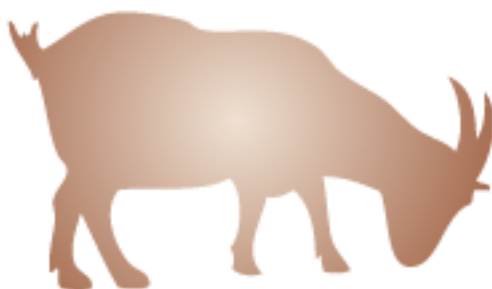
2 – Doing Hajj and Umrah

One of the greatest deeds that can be done during these ten days is Hajj to the sacred House of Allah. Whoever Allah helps to go on Hajj to His House, Khana Kaaba and that person fulfills all the manasik/ rites– In sha Allah that person will have performed a very important pillar of Islam.

Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him): said

"An accepted Hajj brings no less of a reward than Paradise." (Bukhari)

3 – Sacrifice / Qurbani

One of the righteous deeds that brings a person closer to Allah Almighty in these ten days is to sacrifice an animal cow, goat, sheep or camel in Allah's name. Also remember that if you are going to sacrifice on animal then you should not clip your nails or cut your hair during the first ten days.

4 – Fasting

If you children can fast just a few days during the 9 blessed days of Dhul- Hijjah then do so for the pleasure of Allah.

He will reward you immensely, in sha Allah.

Prophet (peace be upon him) encouraged us to do righteous deeds in the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah, and fasting is one of the best deeds as mentioned in the hadith qudsi:

"Allah says: 'All the deeds of the son of Adam are for him, except fasting, which is for Me and I shall reward you for it." (Reported by Bukhari).

5 – Read more Quran:

All you lovely children can sit together with your parents or siblings and read Quran together and listen to each other reciting Quran in the best way possible.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) *said:*
"Adorn and decorate the (Holy) Quran with your (good) voice." (Abu Daud)

6 – Pray Sunnah and Extra Nafls:

We can say nafls of thankfulness also in sha Allah

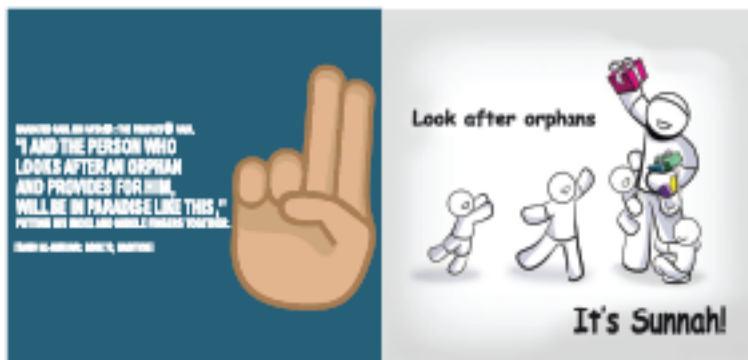
7 – Pray the Night Prayers:

You can get up at night with your parents and pray Tahajud

prayer and then have ice cream

together and thank Allah Almighty for it Alhamdulillah

8 – Give charity:

You can sort out your things and take out some clothing and books and stationary, you can money from your savings and ask your friends to do the same. Then you can invite your friends over to your house for lunch and after that anyone one of you can ask a parent, mother or father or an older relative to take you to an orphanage to give these nice things to them. Alhamdulillah.

Charity is given to the poor and the needy to meet their needs, and is done with the intention of seeking the Pleasure of Allah. Its intention is not limited to a specific person; rather it is given to any poor or needy one.

9 – Read Good Books and Spread Knowledge:

You can teach your younger siblings, cousins or friends something that you have learnt in your Children of Heaven classes in sha Allah.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said,

"Convey from me even an Ayah of the Quran"

(Sahih Bukhari)

10 – Repent to Allah and Seek Forgiveness from Previous Wrongs:

We can sit quietly in a comfortable place and think about things that we have done wrong and then ask Allah Almighty to forgive us. We will in sha Allah feel peace and calmness if we do this. Increase in asking for forgiveness by saying, "Astaghfirullah" we ask Him to forgive us and we can say to Allah Almighty that we are going to try to be better people in sha Allah.

12 – Keep Away from Looking at Haram, don't Speak Haram, and don't Listen to Wrong Things

You can teach your younger siblings, cousins or friends something that you have learnt in your Children of Heaven classes in sha Allah.

13 – Find Opportunities to Help Others:

Taking care of people in need and taking care of animals is also a sunnah.

14 – Play Games that will Increase your Knowledge of the Quran and Hadith:

You can invite friends, play board games with your relative or do art and craft activities keeping the Islamic themes in mind.

15 – Plant a Tree:

Anas bin Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, (peace be upon him) said:

"There is no Muslim who plants a tree or sows seeds and then a bird, or a person, or an animal eats from it except that it is regarded as a charity for him."

Sahih-Bukhari 2195

16 – Make Dua'a for the Muslims Worldwide

17 – Some of the Major Sunnahs of Prophet (peace be upon him) when it came to Celebrating Eid-ul-Adha are:

1. Performing Ghusl on Eid day

2. Wearing the best and most beautiful clothes available before going to the mosque for Eid prayer

3. Taking one route while going to prayer and coming back from other way around

4. Offer the Eid prayer in congregation at the Eid prayer place

5. Congratulating all at the congregation as well as all those who meet on the way back home

6. Eating nothing in breakfast until the animal was sacrificed and choosing something to eat from its meat

18 – Go for Eid Prayer:

Alhamdulillah in remembrance of Syedna Hazrat Ibrahim and the acceptance of his sacrifices, we all celebrate Eid ul Adha 10th of Dhul Hajjah every year.... Eid Mubarak !!

19 – Give each other Gifts on Eid

Gift-giving is one of the good manners that maintains and strengthens relations between the giver and the recipient.

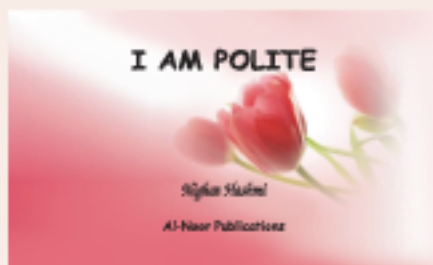
Abu Huraira reported:

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said,

"Give each other gifts and you will love each other."

May we all meet each other in Jannah ameen

May Allah Almighty help us to do all these good deeds for His Pleasure and may He help us to make the best of these precious days ameen

Books of Children of Heaven

Who is He?
Prophets
Angles
My Holy Quran
My Aim in Life
Jannah
Hell
Parent's Love
Responses of a Muslim
Truth
Honesty
Promise
Modesty
I am Sharing
Etiquettes
Respect and Obedience

Let's decide to give our children a good education so that they can learn to Love Allah and be beneficial people for everyone.

Children of Heaven Course for children 5 to 11years of age.
Do join us at Al Noor International.

Al-Noor Welfare Foundation

FAISALABAD: 121-A Faisal Town, West Canal Road, Faisalabad.
Tel: 0336-4033050, 041-8759191-92
KARACHI: Ground Floor, Karachi Beach Residency, Near Bilawal House, Clifton Block 2, Karachi. Tel: 0336-4033034, 021-35292341-42

 www.alnoorpk.com
 sales@alnoorpk.com
 Nighat Hashmi
 Alnoor International